

Griff Does Not Fear Naps—Cashion Tried for Western Clubs

GRIF'S HURLERS READY; DOES NOT FEAR NAPS

Nationals' Pilot Says He Will Back His Youngsters Against Any in the League—Walter Johnson Will Pitch Today—Other News.

By WILLIAM PERT.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23.—Although at noontime the sun blasted its way through the clouds overhanging the Quaker City, and promptly at 1:30 the Washington players reported at Shibe Park, the ground was so soft on account of the recent twenty-four hours' rain that the ball game simply had to be tossed into the discard deck, and the players were shuffled and a new deal made, the Griffiths will be up against another double-header, four in all up to date, with Connie Mack's Athletics.

Griff is not losing a whole lot of sleep over these future double-headers, as he figures that he will have the pitchers in which to carry him through while the Mackmen will not. Said the Old Fox tonight:

"Right now I have Johnson, Groom, and Hughes, all veterans, in shape, while Connie Mack has only one dependable old-timer, Plank. It is true that he has a lot of promising youngsters, but he has to have 1, and I will stack Engel, Cashion, Boehling, and Gallia against his quartet, Brown, Penneck, Houck, and Bush, and bet money my kids will fire it all over his youngsters. I should worry about double-headers—ha! ha!"

Pitchers Going Bad.

Since the season opened Mack has been compelled to yank a pitcher out of nearly every game and until he can whip a staff into shape to stand the full route, he will be compelled to juggle his twirlers and trust to the rest of the team to win.

By the time the Nationals and the Mackmen meet June Griff believes he will have the edge on the White Elephants in the matter of pitchers, and unless the Athletics as a team plays much better ball than shown here Saturday night, the "Climbers" should more than break even. At least, the Old Fox figures it all out this way.

Picking out dry spots near the grandstand, the Washington pitchers, with Griffith, Williams, and Alnsmith to do the receiving, worked out for an hour. None of the Athletics came near the ball park.

Ryan with Virginia.

Jack Ryan, who coached the University of Virginia nine this spring, and who is Griff's handy man, left for Washington this morning to join the Charlottesville collegians. Ryan will accompany them on their Northern trip last week.

The Virginia manager begged Griff so hard to let them have Ryan just a few days more, and as the Old Fox has a warm spot in his heart for the college boys he readily consented. Jack will report in Boston next Sunday, and go West with the Nationals.

Allen Scher, the outfielder drafted from Youngstown last fall, who was tried out for the second time in Charlottesville by the Nationals and turned over to the Providence club, of the International League, has been shipped to Youngstown again as he could not make good of the Rhode Islanders. This news reached the Griff today and occasioned considerable surprise, as it was thought that Scher would more than be able to hold his own with Providence or any other International League club.

Johnson to Pitch.

Had the Nationals and Athletics played here this afternoon, Walter Johnson would have been in the box for Washington, and Griff stated tonight that he would most likely start the Kansas Cyclone tomorrow, if the weather permits. During the past few hours the mercury has dropped nearly twenty degrees and indications point to a heavy frost tonight, but the Nationals are not too nervous for the Griffmen. They are used to it, and a bunch of determined young men will take to the field when the umpire shouts "play ball." The players are confident of making up for that Saturday defeat by winning the next two games from the cheery Mackmen. If Johnson goes in tomorrow, Bob Groom will work in the final game Wednesday.

Ray Morgan, who was given permission to spend the night at his home in Baltimore, arrived on a noon train. The young second baseman dashed breathlessly into the hotel about 4 o'clock and told a weird fairy story about getting lost in the woods near Philadelphia, and seems to be hoarse from the wrong car for the ball yard and landed out in Fairmont Park before he discovered his mistake. Morgan had sense enough to grab a telephone and call his home in Baltimore, where he was waiting for him. When told it had been called off, he heaved a sigh of relief, for had the contest been staged, Joe Gedeon would likely have been at second base, as Morgan could not have reached Shibe Park in time to get into the game.

Does Not Fear Naps.

Manager Griffith tonight gave as his opinion that Washington had nothing to fear from Western clubs this season. His attention had been called to the great work of the Cleveland Naps, but he said that if the Athletics could beat that club any time, he start; he does not expect to lose a single game to them this season. As for St. Louis, Chicago, and Detroit, they will be the softest kind of picking, providing, of course, none of my hurlers are injured or sick.

The illness of Eddie Foster is bothering the Old Fox more than a little, and tonight he telegraphed the club physician in Washington to find out just how sick was the midge third sacker.

Another Rule Wanted.

William West, baseball expert of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, has the following to say:

"In their effort to make baseball a clean sport, to cause a high-grade of sportsmanship to be exhibited, and to have the games played on the level in every manner possible, the rulemakers have overlooked one very important point. This is as regards the blocking of base-runners at the home plate, a glaring instance of which was given by Catcher Alnsmith, of Washington, at Shibe Park last Saturday.

"The presidents of the league have cut out trickery. One of the reasons for the double umpire system is to see that no player interferes with another. With two umpires on the field, the old practice of base guardians tripping, holding or getting in the way of base-runners has been eliminated.

"But with all of the improvements in the game in recent years no league president has seen fit to take steps to stop the habit of blocking a runner at the home plate.

"Not the slightest blame or censure is attached to Alnsmith for the play which he made on McInnis in the seventh inning of Saturday's game. On the contrary, in the eyes of his teammates, Alnsmith is a hero. Even the Athletics would not censure him, although the play might have cost them

the victory, not to mention the chances of McInnis being badly hurt.

"Alnsmith merely took advantage of the opening which the rulemakers give all catchers to get away with a trick. Every other catcher in the major leagues, if he had the nerve, would have pulled the same trick that Alnsmith did. There is probably not a major league manager who would have a catcher on his staff who would be shy of base runners or who would not block a runner off at the home station. Alnsmith, therefore, is in no way censurable. According to the ethics of the game as now played, Alnsmith is deserving of nothing but credit.

"When Alnsmith, however, blocked off McInnis from the plate, sat down upon him, and then waited for the ball to roll to him, the Washington catcher made a play which proves that baseball has not yet reached the degree of the first-class sportsmanship that those who have been building up the national pastime for many years hope to see it attain.

"There is still a step further for baseball to go before it can be cleaned of trickery and rough-house tactics—that is, to make such a play as Alnsmith got away with on Saturday impossible.

"Just what the line is to be drawn, however, is uncertain. Catchers will continue to block off base runners. They wear 'armor' to protect themselves from being hurt in just such plays. They take risk of being injured as Charlie Doolin when he had his leg broken at St. Louis.

"The play is not one of their choosing. They run the risk of serious injury every time they stand in front of a flying base runner. To sidestep would be an act of cowardice on their part, according to the present code of the national pastime.

"It is the rules that are at fault, not the catchers. But baseball will never be a game of the highest sportsmanship until such a play as was witnessed at Shibe Park last Saturday has been eliminated."

HAWTHORN CAPTURES THE FEATURE EVENT

Son of Hastings Started a Favorite and Had an Easy Time Winning

MERRICK VICTORY A FEATURE

Lexington, Ky., April 23.—Hawthorn, favorite for the thirty-ninth renewal of the classical Kentucky Derby, lived up to all the nice things said and written of him by capturing the headline of today's programme at the Kentucky Association track. C. F. B. Hawthorn announced immediately after the race that he stood willing to wager any part of \$10,000 that the black son of Hastings would be returned the winner of the derby at Churchill Downs. Hawthorn won all the way today in going anything but favorable, and was hardly blowing at the finish.

The Yank-Applegate-Buckner crowd cleared up here, however, on King, winning big wagers on both Willite and Korhage, both of which were long shots in the betting. Probably the most popular victory of the day with the small crowd that braved the inclement weather was that scored by Merrick, a fifteen-year-old campaigner, that has raced year after year with remarkable success.

Summary:
FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlongs. Willite, 112 (Boral), \$13.90; Korhage, 109 (Lofus), \$13.90; second, Alnsmith, 109 (Kitchin), \$17.00; third, Time, 1:24.4. Hawthorn, 112 (Lofus), \$13.90; second, Merrick, 112 (Lofus), \$13.90; third, Time, 1:24.4. Hawthorn, 112 (Lofus), \$13.90; second, Merrick, 112 (Lofus), \$13.90; third, Time, 1:24.4.

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Major League Races Seen at a Glance

AMERICAN. YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Washington-Philadelphia—Rain. Boston-New York—Rain. Cleveland-Detroit—Rain.

GAMES TODAY. Washington at Philadelphia. Boston at New York. Chicago at Detroit.

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CASHION BEING SAVED FOR WESTERN INVASION

"Big Husk" Could Always Beat Cleveland and Detroit, Says Griff—Climbers Are Pulling Together, Confident of Winning Pennant.

Philadelphia, April 23.—Many Washington fans have wondered why Manager Griffith has not started Jay Carl Cashion against New York, Boston, or Philadelphia this season, and rumors were flying that he had been left out of the Capital to the effect that the Carlisle curve was not in shape.

Griff was seen last night and asked why he had not used the big fellow. He replied: "I am saving Cashion for the Western clubs, he always could beat Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Chicago, while on the other hand was not so effective against the Eastern teams particularly Boston and Philadelphia."

Cashion, according to the Old Fox, is in good condition and has been ready to pitch since the season opened. It would not be at all unlikely if Cashion was sent in to finish a game in case one of the other pitchers happened to go badly before the club leaves Philadelphia, but it is not believed that Griff will start him.

Although out in a uniform and in charge of the team while on the field, Cashion has not been in the lineup of the Athletics, is still limping around, and the ankle which was broken last year is still giving him considerable trouble. It is very doubtful if Murphy will do any more work to speak of this season. Manager Mack has used him several times since the season opened as a pinch hitter, and this will be about all he will be called upon to do, it is believed.

"I have simply got to hit over .300," said Howard Shanks during an impromptu fanning bee the other night. "I told the folks in Missouri before I left last March that I would not come home next fall unless I finished the season in the .300 class, and goodness knows I don't want to eat snowballs all next winter."

"Just watch me—I don't like to brag, but I feel sure that I will be able to fool a whole lot of these fellows who refer to me as the weak spot in the Nationals' outfield on account of my batting," he added.

Occasionally even well-informed writers will permit mistakes to creep into their columns. For instance, here is a statement made by the New York Sun:

"It is worthy of deep thought that the Boston Red Sox and the Cincinnati Reds haven't accomplished much more than 'Chance's' men in point of a winning percentage. Boston fans are not inclined to worry over the poor start of Stahl's champions, for they realize that the season is young. In Cincinnati, however, the hammer throwers already have begun to hurl missiles in the direction of Joe Tinker. They are finding fault with Tinker's every move. The grandstand managers in Redland are suggesting all kinds of changes, while Tinker is saying wood. It is a saying among baseball men that the only cities whose managers are permitted to run things in their own way are Boston and New York."

If the Sun or any other newspaper can prove that any one connected with the Nationals ever interfered with the running of the team by Clark Griffith, or ever gave Griff any orders, it would be sharper than the whole Burns detective agency.

Griffith has all the say with managing the Washington club, just the same as did Jim McAlister and his predecessor, or Joe Cantillon before Jim. The stockholders of the Washington club never interfere with its manager.

Just why Alnsmith, who batted at the terrifying clip of .23 last season, should be moved up ahead of Shanks and McBride in the Nationals' batting order Quaker City experts cannot figure out. There are a number of things the Philadelphia experts do not know. As regards Alnsmith, for instance, he belongs just where Griff has placed him in the batting order, because he is hitting the ball hard this season and is also a fast man on the base. A record of the number of runs driven in thus far will show that Alnsmith has been a persistent performer in this respect.

With his Murphy, Walsh, Daley, Barry, and McInnis, Connie Mack continues his valiant fight for the glory of Ireland, Philadelphia and the American League.

Tom Hughes, the crafty veteran twirler, was the sorest white man in the world last Saturday night at the scurvy trick fate played him.

"I sure did want to win that ball game today," he said, murmured, not only on my own account, but for Griff's sake. His heart was set on winning, and he's such a grand little fellow that it made me feel bad clean through when we lost out."

When a veteran of fourteen years in the big league makes a statement like the one printed in the foregoing, Capital fans get an insight of the high regard in which the members of the Washington ball club hold their manager. The youngsters just about worship him, and the spirit of harmony which prevails at all times has done more toward rounding out a successful club than anything else.

Shibe Park, in Philadelphia, presents a much more attractive ball yard than last season. The big stands skirting third and first base have been covered with a steel roof and concrete bleachers have been erected behind the spot guarded by the left fielder. The management, in order to meet expenses, has been forced to raise the prices, and a big crowd under present conditions means more money for both the home and the visiting team.

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